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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-29 are pending. Claims 1, 11 and 20 are independent. Claims 1,3-9, 11, 13-18, 20 and 22-28, are hereby amended. No new matter is added by this amendment. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed and specifically on page 32, line 14-page 34, line 2 and page 21, line 22-page 22, line 3. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Claims 1 and 11 were objected to on formal matters. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended, thereby overcoming the objections.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11-14, 16, 17, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,642,153 to Chaney, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Chaney").

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III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 5, 8, 15, 18, 24 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,598,226 to Sorensen, (hereinafter, merely "Sorensen").

Claims 9 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of Sorensen and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,075,570 to Usui, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Usui").

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,470,497 to Ellis, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Ellis").

Claims 10, 19 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,563,648 to Menand, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Menand").

IV. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"A television receiver...

wherein the television receiver is adapted to specify one or more channels associated with one or more of:

a predetermined ISP;
a processing program for preparation, transmission or reception of electronic mail;
a transmission list of electronic mails;
a reception list of electronic mails; and
one or more accessed web pages." (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, Chaney relates to a television system for receiving a plurality of digitally-encoded television programs which includes circuitry for selecting a particular digital data transmission channel from a plurality of digital data transmission channels

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containing a desired digitally-encoded television program in response to a control signal, at least one of the data transmission channels also including television program schedule data. The system also includes user-operable data entry circuitry for entering data and a controller for generating the control signal in response to user-entered data. The controller selects a virtual channel from a plurality of virtual channels in response to user-entered data, each virtual channel being subject to reassignment to a different one of said a plurality of digital data transmission channels, the television program schedule data defining the relationship of each of the television programs to respective ones of the plurality of digital data transmission channels.

Applicants respectfully submit that Chaney fails to teach or suggest a television receiver which is adapted to specify one or more channels associated with one or more of a predetermined ISP, a processing program for preparation, transmission or reception of electronic mail, a transmission list of electronic mails, a reception list of electronic mails and one or more accessed web pages, as recited in amended independent claim 1.

Applicants submit that there is no disclosure or suggestion in the other references that would render claim 1 unpatentable.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to, or somewhat similar to, those described above with regard to independent claim 1, amended independent claims 11 and 20 are also believed to be patentable.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 11 and 20 are patentable.

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V. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

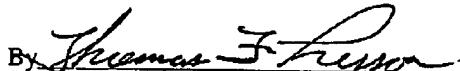
In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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